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Mike - DIPLOMACY STARTS P. 19.

Opening Guns

MichiCon 10 is come and gone, and boy am I glad! It was a long three days, with convention management and two tournaments rolled up together. It was still longer when you figure that convention events were in six different buildings situated over half the campus, and the weather was wretched much of the weekend. Add to that the little things, like a guy who almost drank himself to death (he quit breathing, and CPR and a quick emergency run were what saved him), and you start to get the picture.

Nevertheless, I had a good time, especially with the likes of fellow publishers Dave Carter (Sleepless Knights) and Marion Bates (Plague Times) and subbers Ben Schilling, Tim Bates, Debbie Osborne, Tom Monaghan, Jim Moir and David Anderson (did I forget anyone) to keep things moving. The "traditional" Nuclear War tournament I run on Sunday was its usual lunatic self, with 39 crazies playing 5 rounds.

It should be interesting when we move the MDG cons downtown to Cobo Hall with WinterCon 10 in November. It'll be easier for outsiders to get to Detroit proper than to Rochester (which is almost out in the sticks) - but I hope we can keep our costs to a reasonable level. Ah, well...

One new company pulled a debut (I believe) at the Con. Watch them. Mayfair Games, PO Box 733, Chicago, IL 60625 brought out a line of five capsule-sized games on a variety of topics, and we left the con with three of their five games as purchases. Two of them - I.C.B.M. (a quickie game of thermonuclear exchange) and The Castle (sort of another approach to DeathMaze style hybrid board/roleplay gaming) have proven very popular among those who we've sprung them on. They also have an SF title and a legit historical game we haven't tried...yet. We will.

To the issue - KINGMAKER fans should turn immediately to page 17 (do not pass Go, do not collect a Crown card, and if Parliament Must Be Summoned tell them to stuff it) and look over the Postal Kingmaker Parliament Module...my contribution(?) to the development of postal Kingmaker as a viable multi-game for PBM. If you play KM here, you'll be asked on the possibility of adding this to the HRs, so read up.

Those with Dipvariant interests may want to look over my Mercator article on p. 13-14, just to see why I pushed so hard to start a game of it in this country.

Etc. ad nauseam - let's go!

Postal Strikes

The Canadian posties 'ave done it to us. 1981 AQ and KM 8002 players, go ahead and submit orders if you wish, but figure that any lengthy action will certainly delay your games. Fortunately, these are my only games with Canadians at present.

However, the U.S.P.S. could still walk on July 22. If they do, see JIHAD #14 for my detailed strike policy.

National Staff College, CAP

Some of you may be aware that I serve as a Major in the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, the Civil Air Patrol. I am tentatively scheduled to be at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama from July 28th to August 7th to attend their National Staff College, a ten-day seminar in advanced management and leadership techniques, communications, and aerospace studies.

I have to have JIHAD ready for the printer on the morning of the 28th before I catch my flight down to Alabama (the rest of the "clan" will do the collating, addressing, stamping and mailing for me this time). As a result, ALL DEADLINES IN THIS ISSUE ARE ABOUT 2-3 DAYS AHEAD OF NORMAL, and I won't be in much position to extend them.

Also, except for 1981 C (after all, that's what they were invited for), please hold up on the heavy volumes of press this month. Chances are that I'll just toss it anyway in my enforced rush to put out #16. Thanx.

OPENINGS: 6-week deadline regDip (\$5 fee, 3 slots); Bourse (\$2.50); guest GMed (Jeri Overby) regDip (free, 1 slot); Purest Diplomacy (3 slots).

1980 Icy (Youngstown IV)

Spring, 1901

This Urf Durfal orphan is finally being restarted with the following ten players:

Austria: Keith Mercer, R.D. #6, Mercer, PA 16137 (*)
 China: Steven Davies-Morris, 174 Roanoke Rd #34, El Cajon, CA 92020 (*)
 England: Dan R. Wilson, B-2-3-11, 268955, Wynne Unit, Huntsville, TX 77340 (*)
 France: David Anderson, 3281 Goldner, Detroit, MI 48210 (*)
 Germany: John Strain, 1154 Harbor Dr, N. Ft. Myers, FL 33903
 India: Glen Taylor, 443 O'Shaughnessy, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, VA 24061
 Italy: Victor Ricci, 135 Eastern Pkwy #60, Brooklyn, NY 11238
 Japan: Eugene Prosnitz, 200 Clinton St, Brooklyn, NY 11201
 Russia: Ben Zablocki, 203 Harrison Ave, Highland Park, NY 08904
 Turkey: Richard Carlson, 1105 John Daly, Inkster, MI 48141 (*)

(*) denotes standby newly entering game

Spring 1901 results were as follows:

Austria: a vna-TRI; a clu-RUM; a bud-SER; f tri-MON.
 China: f ctn-TON; a pek-MAN; a han-KAN.
 England: f lon-ENG; f edi-NTH; f lpl-IRI; f joh-THA(wc).
 France: a par-BGY; a mar-SPA; f bre-MATL; f sai-CAM.
 Germany: a BER s a pos-sax; a pos-SAX; f kie-DEN; a mun-RUH.
 India: f mdr-EIND; a del-AFG; a clt-BRM.
 Italy: a ven-PIE; a rom-APU; f nap-ION; f mog-DAN.
 Japan: f osa-ECHI; f KYO-jap; f tok-SPAC.
 Russia: f VLA-jap; a oms-TUR; f stp(sc)-BTH; a WAR holds; a mos-SEV; f sev-ELA.
 Turkey: f ank-CON; a con-BUL; a smy-SYR; a bag-NEJ.

This page went out about 10 days early to all players, together with Youngstown rules/maps. I hope that this will provide the extra time needed to get things rolling again, what with five new players and a year-long delay...

Deadline for Fall 1901 orders is 10:30 p.m. EDT on Thursday, July 23, 1981. Good luck to all...

Changes of Address

Larry Boudon (Machiavelli) - 206 Elm St, Port Allegheny, PA 16743
 Don Ditter (correction, not change) - 910 Hope St #12A, Stamford, CT 06907
 Tom Monaghan back to home somewhere around 7/15...
 Ned Nichols (1980 KW) - PO Box 632, Plaistow, NH 03865

YOUNGSTOWN IV UPDATE...no, this page didn't get out early. I'll go with the 7/23 deadline, but if any two players request it I'll extend the deadline a full month. A copier breakdown kept me from making the rules/maps sets that were needed...

Standby Lists - Diplomacy: Verheiden, Puentes, Crane, Kelly, Bragg, Mercer, Chisholm, D'Alessandro, Larzelere, Palter, Wilson. Variants: Mercer, Carlson, Wilson, Bragg, Chisholm, Davies-Morris. Machiavelli: Palter, Davies-Morris. A.M.F.: Crane, Puentes, Del Grande?, Thornsens?.

1981 C

"The Press Game"

Fall, 1902

"THE SNAKE" Encircles The Sultan; Constricts With Hapsburg Help. French Republic Fends Off Determined Assault. The Kaiser's The Big Winner.

Austria (Kathy Byrne): a TYO s a boh-mun; a BOH-mun; a GRE s a ser-bul; a ser-BUL; f AEG s Russian a arm-smy.

England (Arturo Guajardo): a wal-PIC; f ENG c a wal-pic; f lon-WAL; f nwy*s German a den-swe.

France (Al Pearson): f mid-POR; a SPA s a bur-mar; a BUR-mar; a par-BRE.

Germany (Jack Masters): a MUN (retreated from bur) holds; a RUH s a mun; f BEL s English a wal-pic; a den-SWE.

Italy (Gerald Carne): f LYO s a pie-mar; a PIE-mar; f tyh-WES; a tun-NAF.

Russia (Keith Mercer): a arm-SMY; a SYR s a arm-smy; a SEV s f rum; f RUM s Austrian a ser-bul; f swe-NWY; a STP s f swe-nwy.

Turkey (Tom Swider): f BLA s Russian f rum-bul(ec) (not so ordered); a ank-CON; a smy*s a ank-con; a bul*gre.

Supply Center Chart

Austria bud tri vie gre ser bul (6) build 1
 England edi lon lpl ~~xxx~~ (3) remove 1
 France bre mar par spa por (5) build 1
 Germany ber kie mun hol bel swe (6) build 2
 Italy nap rom ven tun (4) even
 Russia mos sev stp war rum ~~xxx~~ nwy smy (7) build 1
 Turkey ank con ~~xxx xxx~~ (2) remove 1

Look for another guest commentary on this game by Eric Verheiden with next month's results.

English f nwy must retreat to bar, nth, nwg, ska or oth; Turkish a smy must retreat to ank or oth; Turkish a bul retreats "to the box".

Deadline for Winter 1902/Spring 1903 orders is 10:30 p.m. EDT on Thursday, July 23, 1981. Press follows.

Moscow to Hazel Park - My move to Syria does not classify me as a copycat since in '81 I you're Turkey and you also moved there in '01. I do think your move there was nice.

Tom to Kate - No, I won't cry to mommy; I'll just "sell out" to Russia. I want it to be known that Mercer didn't give me anything deserving merit; he never writes. But, since my last hope was in you and you defaulted, I will just let Keith have Turkey. No hard feelings, I hope. Selling out is the last effective thing I can do, so I did. Will Keith remain your ally? If you think so, you're a bigger sucker than I am.

Kearneysville to Hazel Park - I suggest you review your press rules and exclude Jane Proskin from future Press Game material.

Hazel Park to Kearneysville - The Jane Proskin dateline used last month was entirely in accord with my houserules, and was submitted on the validly executed orders of a player in this game. Sorry, Al, but no grounds for objection exist according to present rules.

The Pope to Schwartzten Johannes - Remember, my son, that hope springs eternal.

Noisy Austrian to Pope Hush Hush - No, I don't think Horace Greeley is in this game, and I can't imagine why everyone keeps telling you to "Head West". But if you really want to move, "come East, young man," and I'll show you how nice an ally I really can be!

Oslo to St. Petersburg and Stockholm - Please don't make Russian mandatory for Norwegian school children.

Hazel Park to Oslo - Whatever made you think that? First Swedish - then Russian...

Rome to Paris - I'd love to be with you in Germany; I'll come via Paris.

Turkey to France - I think I will also do what you have talked to me about.

Damsel to Rusty Knight - You can thank your German ally.

Stonehenge (LIES) - With the coming of the summer solstice, thousands of tourists and adherents to the Druid faith have gathered here in south-western Wales to celebrate the Rites of Summer. The main attraction of this year's festivities was the crowning of Ms. K. Lucretia Bloodsucker Byrne, Kaiserette of the continually sprawling Austro-Hungarian Empire, as High Priestess of the Rites of Summer. Ms. Byrne was selected above all other candidates for her strong Celtic bloodlines, her claims to royalty as a Kaiserette, and for her adeptness in the arts of human sacrifice. Some wags have insisted that Ms. Byrne was selected only as a consolation prize for what appears to be Jackie Masters' taking of the Hobby Queen title, but experts here in Druid affairs contend that no one is better qualified than Ms. Byrne for the post of High Priestess, despite the fact that she is not a citizen of the United Kingdom.

In any case, Ms. Byrne proved a crowd-pleaser when she grabbed the Turkish ambassador by the throat and escorted him screaming to the stone of sacrifice, where she tore out his heart and held it aloft to the crowd still beating. The crowd was doubly pleased to learn that the Turkish ambassador had been sacrificed, since he had been annoying many tourists by accosting them and subjecting them to the worst puns that have ever been told this side of Bulgaria.

Ms. Byrne's next victim was a Blueberry Whip salesman, taken at random from the crowd. It is said that he was chosen as a substitute for the French ambassador, who was not on hand due to the state of war that currently exists between England and France. In years past only one blood sacrifice was required to fulfill the Rites of Summer, so this second sacrifice was considered a real boon by the crowd and ensured Ms. Byrne's popularity among those of the Druid faith. But Ms. Byrne went so far as to outdo even herself. She seized the German ambassador and quickly disemboweled him. Members of the British parliament, on hand for the festivities, were appalled by this latter action, since the Kaiser is regarded as England's staunchest ally. This last act may cause the Anglican-controlled parliament to once more press for cessation of Celtic religious practices involving human sacrifice. But if this is to be the last celebration of the Rites of Summer, Ms. K. Lucretia Bloodsucker Byrne has certainly made it the most spectacular.

The above release is brought to you courtesy of the London Information and Enlightenment Service (LIES).

Moscow to Byrne and Pearson - You mean I may stand a chance for the Nixon? My wildest dreams would be fulfilled.

Austrian Snoopy Reporter - Hi, Tom, I see you're playing a new game, "Turkey in the Middle". Isn't that dangerous to your country?

Tom Turkey - I didn't ask Mercer and Byrne to play that game with me; it's just the Snake and Bloodsucker being mean to me again, but this time I'll fix them. I'll trick them into believing I'm their ally by letting them have Bul and Smy. That'll show 'em!

Snoopy - Sure will show them - you lose 2, and they have to waste their time building units. Smart move Tom Turkey - almost as smart as trusting them - but I must say it's smarter than supporting Austria into Rum again (snicker, snicker).

Dulltown - So what's new in Thrillsville?

Thrillsville to Dulltown (a/k/a Mercer, PA) - Here's a thrill: Looking at Kathy's outfit at Mediocrecon.

Turkey to Russia - I don't talk dirty; I only speak the truth.

Al to Art - Hi, guy, boy have I got some oil well stock for you. Black Jack told me you bought that ocean front property north of Phoenix.

Pearson to Byrne - Yes, Mercer does seem to rate up there with us. I have been fortunate that he and I have only been in one other game.

Hazel Park to World - Gee wiz, I invited these folks based on their press-writing talents, and now I find that the three leading candidates for the Nixon Award in '82 all grace the same game! Is that pickin' 'em, or is that pickin' 'em...

Me to Jackie M. - I say, has the fleet come in at Long Beach? I hear Art is an ex-military man; will you give him discount rates?

Moscow to Tom Turkey - It's hard to believe you'd trust Kathy but not totally. I'll miss you after we've torn you up.

Russia to Austria - What questions? I don't avoid your questions. I just don't hear them. Speak up a little LOUDER.

Paris to London - Dear ~~Kathy~~ I mean Art, I think we (E/F/G) are in deep drek. Unless the Snake is more simpleminded than I think, he tossed you out of Norway, and you are down (or back) to three centers. Unless Masters trusts Kathy (an obviously misplaced trust, I might add), he will get a build or two, but what are the long term prospects with Byrne and Mercer (and Carne) ready to pay a visit. You and Masters started off with great attacks, but you made one fatal error, you both passed up builds last year. This is coming back to haunt you two (and you especially). I wish I had as little regard for the game as you do; otherwise you wouldn't have thrown away your game when it became obvious that the attack might get me but also would result in your downfall.

French National Bank to Damsel in Distress - If you took Munich this turn, name your reward. If you took Venice, it is its own reward.

Moscow to London - Where did you think I was going?

Tom to Keith - I can't be a hobby queen; I'm supposed to be Hobby Scapegoat, according to Kathy. In my studies on Psychology (I'm going to major in it), I located a file on you and discovered that you dressed up in your mommie's clothing and slipped on her panty hose.

Dulltown - In Dulltown we eat blueberry whip with a spoon. I understand that in Thrillsville you lick it off each others fingers, is that true?

Hazel Park - Almost...wrong part of the body...

Bloodsucker to Snake - How could you doubt me. Give me credit for having some brains; I mean, after all, my name isn't Swider!

Damsel to Friendly - I'm trying to help, but I don't know if my poor red armies can make it through the flood! Queen Jackie's crying is liable to drown poor Tyo and Boh!

Pope Hush Hush to Noisy Austrian - Whatsa matter? Don't you like the strong, silent type?

Chicken to Bloodsucker - I didn't think you could stab me from across the board in this game, but last season's demonstration of your expertise caused me to feel the blade after you stuck it to the Kaiser. I applaud your ability, but fear it means England's demise.

Moscow - Czar Venomoski, Jr. claimed the end of turkey season will be close at hand. He also stated that after next year they will be on the endangered species list.

Russian Broadcasting System (RBS) - Reports of continued disgusting shows from Turkey have been confirmed. One of these shows presented Bullwinkle the Moose being molested by Sultan Tom. Another, a documentary, showed a typical day in Tom's life - he tried to look up women's skirts on the television, chased Girl Scouts with Dobermans, and solicited the local Turkish gay bars. These shows will be blocked from viewing in Russia.

Kearneysville to Hazel Park - Thanks for the notice that Jerry "The Hermit" Carne has moved. But if we write to his old address we will receive the same amount of mail.

France to Italy - Well, I can't say it was unexpected, but I was hoping you would find somewhere else to head. Ah, well...I guess I can fight E/G/I as well as I can fight E/G. (Don't ask how well that is).

London to Paris - Everything you say makes perfect sense; a pity I never have. Going no place fast is just my style of play.

London to Vienna - The next time you cozy up to "Toots", tell him Arizona State beat his Oakies for the college baseball title. The strike must put a damper on your Mets. Got any minor league ball in Flushing to substitute?

Hazel Park - You got it wrong, Art - the Mets are a National League team. Major league ball is what they need as a substitute for the NL...

Rome to Berlin - Show me your plans and I'll show you mine.

Pope Hush Hush to Noisy Austrian - I am glad that you get excited being my ally. Too bad I took a vow of celibacy.

Damsel to Tyo and Boh - You little red armies are going to get me in trouble. You're supposed to listen to me, not attack whoever you want. Sorry, Jack, these blocks sure are stubborn! They say they can't parachute to London cause they get airsick when they fly! Besides, we like Rusty!

Friendly Al to Lovable Kathy - Maybe England is going to support Russia into Denmark as you say, but this telekinesis is too much for me to understand. Maybe if Marion Bates were in the game...

Rome to Moscow - I wasn't invited to any Turkey roast. Nobody ever invites poor little Italy, it's enough to give one a complex.

Sunbelt to Hazel Park - I caught that snide remark on page 20 of the last issue. Your summer undoubtedly is more pleasant than ours, unless you call 108 pleasant. I just wish more of you would enjoy your northerly climes all year round. Come November, the long lines of Michigan and Ohio plates will be streaming down here. Worse yet, they decide winter is nice down here, so they retire here. Then they bitch and moan about the summer (which lasts at least six months) and how they miss the changing seasons. They come here for their allergies, but insist upon bringing the green plants from home to pollinate the valley with the allergies they sought to escape (assuming they don't fall prey to the pollen of the native plants). They mistakenly believe that modern civilization will provide them with all the water they need to lavish upon their imported lawns, thus ignoring the fact that they are surrounded by a desert as well as ignoring the voluntary water conservation guidelines. Meanwhile the water table sinks lower and lower. If there were a brown- or blackout of electricity here, the wells would stop pumping and people would get rich by selling water on the street corners, as they did earlier in this century. It will all collapse one day, despite the fiasco of the Central Arizona Project. And that will just leave us desert rats out here.

Hazel Park - I concede most of your points. There are a lot of insensitive bastards in these parts... However, I think you will concede that Arizona is not necessarily typical of the entire "Sunbelt" (which is actually a misleading name, as the Sunbelt has a split personality with regard to the ready (un)availability of water from one region to the next. But enough of this...).

Paris to World - Has anyone figured out who, what, or where Carne is? I have decided he is an Oaklyn pseudonym and should be tossed out of the game. Glenn, put Italy in CD or at least get a copy of "Carne"'s birth certificate, OK?

Hazel Park - What would that prove? I've seen him (I taught him how to play Dip), and I'm pretty sure that his presence proves he was born - who needs the government paperwork!

Innocent Al to Dark John - Now that your dupe (England) is about to be useless to you, I see you have co-opted the "Hermit" as your new ally. I hope Kathy gets to deliver that little package to you in Munich. Good luck with that recent case of herpes. Sure glad I don't have it, people might talk.

Hazel Park - You were right, Al. I almost bleeped that one. Maybe I should have.

Rome - It was announced today that Italy intends to come to the aid of her French friends. Already Italian troops are marching to Marseilles singing the Marseillaise (much better, I might add, than any Frog might sing). It is just hoped that they remember the way.

Hazel Park to the Singers - Remember the way they did; they forgot their visas. Win a few, lose a few...

Moscow - Czar Venomoski, Jr. is hereby declaring war upon the government of England. Reasons for the declaration were given as: lack of good Scotch in Russia; lack of a worthy enemy; too many allies; not enough wild women to keep the Czar happy.

Bloodsucker to Schwartzes Johannes - You know what's worse than a guy crying in his beer when stabbed - a guy in a Kleenex padded bra whining in East of Eden!

Kearneysville to Hazel Park - The only other item of Jackie's wardrobe that I know of is a Sassoon evening gown. It is a silver, almost see-thru material, strapless (I don't know how it stays up), V-neck, and a mid-hip slit on the right side. Jackie was wearing a rose over the left ear, indicating that he was available. The three inch spiked heels, in basic black, really topped off the outfit. Oh yes, don't forget the single strand of pearls.

Kathy to Tommie - Adios, amigo! That means goodbye Turkey - and I wanted to say it in Spanish to keep up Glenn's reputation as a "foreign language press zine." Eat your heart out, Gary!

Thrillsville - Here's a piece called Why I Attacked Tom Swider In 1981 C. I think Kathy holds cross game grudges. One other player agrees with me. (continued next page)

(Thrillville cont.) Dear Cutsie, Yeah, you Swider, you're gonna pay for all the snide remarks in #16-17. Come to Mediocre Con and be stabbed by the dreaded Kathy Byrne - funny! Let Dave Grabar win an NH game - NEVER! - I'm not going to ruin his hardearned record! And then you had the nerve to rub Marion Bates' nose in Liv - knowing what a sore spot it is! Have you no mercy?--Bloodsucker

I did this, Kathy, because I know you hate letter passing. Here's a 'q' (letter). Have fun with it.
Hazel Park - Let's see...excluding this "press release", the count's up to 278 press items printed...

Kingmaker 8001

Turn 1

Movement

Clifford(Conisboro)-Towton-Kingston-Ravenser
Cromwell&Hastings&Stanley(Preston)-m30-**
Grey remains at Rockingham
Holland&Percy(Preston)-m30-**
Pole(Wingfield)-Thetford-h9-h8-Grantham-Lincoln(c)
Roos(Belvoir)-Newark-h35-Towton-York-Helmsley
Talbot(Ludlow)-h11-h4-Coventry(c)
le George(Rye)-s24-s26-s27-s28-s29
le Lucas remains at Whitby
le Swan(Berwick)-s32-s31-s29-s30-Boston
le Trinity remains at Ravenser

Combat: Clifford abducts King Henry at Ravenser. Holland/Percy attack Cromwell/Hastings/Stanley at m30 (230 vs 80). The attack succeeds (Plague-Bristol) and the three weaker nobles are captured. Nottingham card is transferred to victors unless Stanley is ransomed.

Turn 2 Events: Non-event to Anderson; PLAGUE-Calais; EMBASSY-King to Maldon; FRENCH RAID-Courtenay to Okehampton, Holland to Compton; PEASANT REVOLT-Const Tower London to St Albans, Marshal to Barnet.

Deadline for Turn 2 orders is 10:30 p.m. EDT on Thursday, July 23, 1981. Press follows.

Logres to Audley and Howard - So long, it's been good to know ya!
Pole - I didn't want any of those offices anyway. Even though those grapes look ripe, I'll bet they are sour.

LUMPS (Lords Unhappy over Marathon Parliament, Syndicated) News Service - Once again the nobles in 8001 have been forced to sit through endless debate and social maneuvering. The only highlight was the post-Parliament bash hosted by Stanley. So pleased was Stanley to get out of Douglas, he really threw a real lively party. Several party poopers (most notably Clifford) left early to tattle to Henry because Henry was invited to throw out the first wench of the season.

Clifford - Hot damn, lookit here. Henry the K! He's mine, all mine. Hummm, what's that I hear, footsteps behind me. Don't tell me it's some of those guys who stayed at Preston for the after-the-Parliament frolics.
Hazel Park - The course of events during this turn caused me to withhold certain press items as being obviously inappropriate...

Hobby Census Update...the last one, I hope...

I have received, and compiled, the CDO Census. The lists are alphabetized and ready for typing as soon as the zine gets out. Therefore, no Origins, but Gen Con East looks good. Lee Kendter has tentatively approached me about handling the Census sales there (I can't make it, darn it!), so he should be your best bet for an on-site contact.

My best guess is that we have about 80-85% coverage; not too bad, since previous censuses have been under the auspices of an organization that could "coerce" lists from affiliated zines, etc.

To all those who have assisted with this project - thanks. A lot.

More Census - the price should be about 75¢ in person, \$1 by mail. Don't order before July 23rd, please.

PAX

PAX #2.....July, 1981

PAX is a subzine of the amateur publication JIHAD, and is edited and published by JIHAD publisher Glenn Overby 8 times annually.

PAX is concerned with the running of worldwide games of Diplomacy and its variants by post.

I trust you'll all take the time to read my short article on Mercator strategy and tactics located elsewhere in this JIHAD. In particular, I strongly suggest that China read it; the reasons will be obvious below.

Mercator III

January, 1890

Argentina (John Marsden): F san-CRS; F BUE holds; A tuc-ATA.
 Austria (Dan Wilson): A TRI-ven; A vie-GAL; A bud-SER; F cro-ALB;
 A CLU s a vie-gal.
 Brazil (Tom Monaghan): F rec-CAR; A rio-AMA; A iqu-BOG.
 China (Debbie Osborne): A pek-MAN; F shg-YEL; F can-SCS; A han-CAN;
a can boards f scs (boarding is only allowed in TS1, BEFORE normal movement).
 England (Peter McDonald): F uls-ROC; A lpl-EDI; F edi-NWG; F lon-NTH;
F JOH-gos.
 France (Steven Davies-Morris): F SAI-gos; F bre-BIS; F mar-SPA(sc);
 A par-PIC; A lyo-MAR.
 Germany (Fred Winter): F kie-DEN; F tan-GHS; A ber-KIE; A pos-PRU;
 A SIL s a pos-pru; A mun-RUH.
 India (Tom Butcher): F mdr-BOB; F cey-EIO; A clc-BMA; A del-CLC.
 Italy (David Anderson): F gen-TYS; A rom-GEN; A VEN holds; F nap-ION;
 F mog-GOA.
 Japan (Marion Bates; resigns): F tok-NPO; F kob-ECS; F osa-CPO;
 A nii-KOB.
 Russia (Don Del Grande): F stp(sc)-GOB; F SEV-bla; F vla-KOR; A MOS-sev;
 A war-UKR; A tur-IRA; A CAU s a tur-ira; A oms-TUR.
 Turkey (Dan Palter): A con-BUL; F ANK-bla; A ada-ARM; A BAG-ira;
 F smy-AEG.
 U.S.A. (Keith Mercer): F clf-CHA; A tex-MEX; A kan-CHI; F ney-HAT.

Marion Bates has resigned due to ill health. Will Victor Ricci, 135 Eastern Pkwy #6C, Brooklyn, NY 11238 please assume the Japanese position?

Deadline for February 1890 moves/March 1890 adjustments is 10:30 p.m. EDT (2230 h GMT-4) on Wednesday, August 12, 1981. Press follows.

Hazel Park - REMEMBER that Mercator uses prophetic retreats/adjustments. You must submit retreat preferences, AND build/removal preferences, IN ADVANCE.

I will accept a "general order" from a player concerning a rule to be used for that player's otherwise unordered retreats (such as Just's Right-Hand Rule or an "alphabetical" retreat rule).

Argentina to the 8 people who didn't write - Why not?

Italy to USA - I want Morocco. You may have the Azores.

Siberia to any DIPLOMACY players - You should see the view from here. Makes you want to break out the Blueberry Whip.

Prof. Priestley - I heard that. Why do you think I invented the stuff, anyway? I mean, laughing gas is just an excuse for its existence and its REAL purpose.

USA to World - Let's make a deal.

Hazel Park - That's "Monty"'s line, Keith...

Argentina to Brazil - I held back from Uruguay, so you wouldn't fear a stab.

Moscow to Hazel Park - in the orders "A Cau S A Tur-Ira", would this mean the same thing as "A Cau S A Tur in Ira"?...

Hazel Park - No. S in and S to orders only apply to fleets supporting army landings where the army and fleet were an A/F.

Beijing - The Dowager Empress of China today declared that all Polynesian people are of Chinese extraction and will therefore devote herself to the study of their cultural ties. Admiral I Sa Fool and General Mei Too have been detailed for the assignment. Their commanders, Chief General I Ben Lusing and Chief Admiral I No Sink, will not miss them. It seems that when they met the Dutch envoys, this pair had been mistaken for brothers Dump Koft and Nin Com Poop. Lusing and No Sink are glad to be free of them.

Italy to World - Sorry, I did not write anybody this month, but graduation does cut down on writing letters.

Santiago - El Presidente today warned the world that anyone standing in the way of legitimate Argentinian interests would face their latest weapon - Chile peppers. "We'll make things hot for them," he warned.

Argentina to Turkey and England - Thanks for your letters.

Italy to Austria and France - Peace?

Italy to Germany - I agree with your African policy - at least until March.

Italy to Turkey - Don't interfere in Africa or Greece, OK? Why don't you take Iran?

Russia to England - Can't we be friends? I just noticed that BAR borders Oms - that can work both ways, you know.

Hazel Park to World - The next press release (which is HUGE) will be split into two parts. The rest will appear in PAX #3 with the February turn.

Moscow - Today, if today is 1 January 1890, Tsar Copperless stood out over the people of Moscow and proclaimed that the Russian Empire was looking forward to a share of complete world domination with certain allies in the Secret Pact of - well, if he said where the meeting had took place, it would hardly have been a secret. The Tsar noted that the Mercator rules don't have anything about Russian advantages in winter like THIRd REICH and WAR AND PEACE (and let's not forget SQUAD LEADER, RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN, and STALINGRAD), but at least there's no room for Overby's D&D Death's-Head Dice. At this point, the crowd cheered, waved banners, ate their Blueberry Whip on Rye, and did other things not printable under the rules for press.

The Tsar also released his report on the leaders of the 12 other major countries of the world...

The Argentine leader's name couldn't come to the Tsar's mind, but he figured that anyone who ruled a country on the other side of the world didn't have to be bothered with for the moment; besides, postage to Europe is expensive nowadays (how am I supposed to shell out 28¢ for a postcard and/or 40¢ for a letter?)

Turning to Austria, the Tsar declined to comment. (I suppose there are a lot of jokes I could make about this guy, considering his position, but that's the kind of thing somebody in 1981 C or R3 would probably do; I could always comment on the fact that he's at Sam Houston State trying for a Business Admin. degree.)

The Brazilian commander is an Air Force type of guy, and Air Force types can do some pretty unpredictable things. Take the case of one in Michigan somewhere who wants to back Jack Masters (okay, JACKIE, but you're not fooling anybody, you know) for Hobby Queen. Which reminds me - how did Pope Joan II ever become hobby queen? ((Hazel Park - she didn't)) Supreme power derives from a mandate from the masses, not from some farcical aquatic ceremony. She can't expect to wield supreme power just because some watery tart threw a sword at her. If I went round saying I was an emperor because some moistened bint lobbed a scimitar at me, I'd be thrown in some dungeon. (It's amazing how a talk about the Brazilian commander led into being thrown into a dungeon, isn't it?)

The Tsar was at no loss of words for the Chinese ruler. He claimed that the two had met in some previous life, in England during the Civil War. As a matter of fact, he claimed that they met in TWO previous lives in the same place. (See ENVOY 14-80 and MIKE'S MAG Maxi-KM for details.) Being neighbors of sorts, the world is awaiting news along the Mongolian front...((to be continued))

Hazel Park - I thought I had some other press, too. No doubt I'll hear about its absence...

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1981 Cjl (North America: 2020)

August, 2020

Confederacy in Turmoil. Canadians Annex Boston; New Orleans Hoists the Lone Star. Rio Grande Border Skirmishes Inconclusive.

Canada (Steven Davies-Morris): a sas-BIL; f DAW-who; a WPG s a sas-bil; f NAO s a buf-bos; a buf-BOS; a THU holds; a TOR holds.

C.S.A. (Marion Bates; resigns): N.M.R. f MAO, f BAH, a RAL, a MEM, and a nor* all hold.

Deseret (Mike Scott): a CED-slc; a PHO-chi; a sea-BOI; f npo-BER; f uci-LCI.

Mexico (David Anderson): f yuc-WGM; a tam-DUR; a CHI-elp; a MTY s a chi-elp.

Quebec (Debbie Osborne): a ftr-HUL; a que-AUG; a hul-QUE; a mtl-BUF.

Texas (Don Swartz): a lit-NOR; f HOU s a lit-nor; a ELP s a lar-mty; a LAR-mty.

U.S.A. (Greg Stewart): f WHI-daw; f WAS s a cle-ric; a cle-RIC; a bos*holds; a WSR-tor; a STL-mem; a kan-DES; a LIN s a min; a MIN holds; a CHE-slc.

Supply Center Chart

Canada van edm wpg thu tor ott hal bos (8) build 1

C.S.A. ~~xxx~~ mem mia ~~xxx~~ atl (3) remove 1

Deseret slc las pho por sea (5) even

Mexico mty dur mex yuc (4) even

Quebec mtl-mtl que ftr (4) even

Texas elp okl dal hou nor (5) build 1

U.S.A. anc det pit chi ~~xxx~~ min lin den kan nyc ric (10) even

USA a bos must retreat to nyc; CSA a nor is disbanded.

Will Keith Mercer, RD #6, Mercer, PA 16137 please assume the C.S.A. position?

Deadline for September 2020 builds/October 2020 moves is 10:30 p.m. EDT on Friday, July 24, 1981. Press follows.

Mexico to Texas - I know what I was talking about, if I move into one of your supply centers in Spring and move out in Fall you will still control it.

Mexico to GM - I am right about the Texas question, I think. Answer.

GM Answer - Your statement about temporary occupation of a SC is correct.

New York City - The demonstrations against the draft continue on a massive scale. Organizers of the demonstrations were a couple of former Canadian citizens.

Montreal - In a press conference today, Chevelair du Laire announced that sports would be Quebec's major industry. All provinces are urged to participate, especially if they want their share of the new revised revenue-sharing plan.

Winnipeg - Prime Minister Davies-Morris went on national television today to remind the leaders of the great free nations of the North American continent that the Federal Colossus of America should be everyone's target. He added that those who lose sight of this fact will probably find unwelcome visitors from the United States Army in their supply centers.

??? - The "Labrador Retrievers" iceball team has announced plans for a rookie camp in November. All interested parties please respond to "Goldie" Howe at Icebay 0000.

Mexico to Quebec and World - Trust me, I tell the truth. So trust me. At least until 2024.

To Whom It May Concern - I'm game if you are.

Quebecois Gazette - The unexpected flooding of Hudson Bay has forced the evacuation of the city of Fort Rupert. This has indefinitely postponed the Hudson Bay Icefloe Race. All entry fees will be refunded.

Washington - The chief executive of the U.S. Armed Forces announced final assignments to the various armies and fleets on active duty. They include: Gen. Cacciatori IV, army Boston. Gens. Overby and Overby, army Windsor. Gen. Yoho, army Cheyenne.

Mexico to Deseret - Are you to help me or hurt me? If you do either then at least write me!

Quebecois Gazette - The "Quebecois Suzette" contest is underway! Please submit your sweetheart, etc. to the Rotorevure (picture section) of the Gazette.

Hazel Park to Nobody in Particular - Wonder how long it'll take someone to nominate Jacquie Masters for this, too...

Indianapolis - The 92nd running of the Indy 500 was cancelled today. The embittered organizer was drafted along with all the drivers. They will be serving in Minnesota. The autos were also drafted. They will be serving aboard the USS Korg, the latest nuclear aircraft carrier, now stationed in Washington.

??? - The "Ung-Sung Heroes" dogsled team is preparing for their annual "Dash to Darkness" race. Entry forms are available at the local Chamber of Sports.

Mexico to USA - I told you I was going to do it, but if Texas doesn't let me out I won't be able to help.

Chicago - A University of Northern Illinois philosophy professor proposed a profound new theory. He says that all the action going on in North America is in reality a game "not unlike Diplomacy". When asked to clarify, he stated, "The answer lies in Hazel Park." When President Korg learned of these new abstract thoughts he responded by sending the professor his draft notice.

1979 HW

THE RICH GET RICHER

Fall, 1906

...and the Poor Disappear

Austria (Tom Thomsen): a ven-PIE; a TYO s a ven-pie; a rom-TUS; f alb-ION; f NAP s f alb-ion; f EAS-smy; f aeg-CON; a BUL s f aeg-con; a sev-ARM; a rum-SEV.

England (Dan Palter): N.M.R. f EDI, f NWG both hold.

France (Keith Mercer): a SPA-gas; f WES-spa(sc); f mid-ENG; a wal-LPL; f bel*hol.

Germany (Kevin Mooney): f swe-NWY; a FIN s f swe-nwy; a STP s f swe-nwy; a MOS s a stp; f eng-NTH; a pic-BRE; a PAR s a pic-bre; f hol-BEL; a RUH s f hol-bel; a BUR-gas.

Italy (Mike Steagall): a pie-MAR; f LYO s a pie-mar.

Russia (Ron Kelly): N.M.R. f BAR, a nwy* both hold.

Turkey (Steve D'Alessandro): f oon*bul(sc); a SMY holds; a ANK s a smy.

Supply Center Chart

Austria tri vie ser gre ven bud rum bul rom sev nap con (12) build 2

England ~~XX~~ edi (1) remove 1

France ~~XX~~ spa por lon tun lpl (5) even

Germany ber mun hol den swe war kie bel par mos bre stp nwy (13) build 3

Italy ~~XX~~ mar (1) remove 1

Russia ~~XX~~ ~~XX~~ (0) OUT

Turkey ~~XX~~ ank smy (2) remove 1

French f bel must retreat to pic or otb; Turkish f con must retreat to bla or otb; the Russian retreat is immaterial.

A proposal has been made for an A/G draw. Players should vote with their next orders.

Deadline for Winter 1906/Spring 1907 orders is 10:30 p.m. EDT on Saturday, July 25, 1981. Press follows.

Smyrna - The health inspectors, armed with toy pails and shovels, have little hope of combatting the red tide. (more next page)

1981 Ejin (Woolworth Diplomacy I)

Winter 01

Spring 02

Security Leak from Italy Stuns Europe. French General Staff Routs Spanish Invaders. Russia Infiltrated by Two Powers. Austro-Balkan Axis Forms?

Austria Remove f adr. a gal-WAR; a TRI s Balkan a ser-bud.
 Balkans Build a ser. a ser-BUD; a RUM s a ser-bud; a BUL s f aeg-con; f AEG-con.
 England (David Anderson): Build f lon. f lon-NTH; f nwg-BAR; f nth-HEL; f ice-NWG.
 France (Fred Davis): Build a bre. a bre-GAS; a bur-PAR; f BEL holds; a MAR s a bre-gas.
 Germany Build f kie, a ber. f KIE-den; a mun-BUR; a SWI s a mun-bur; f HOL s f kie (ordered to move); a ber-MUN.
 Italy (Dan Palter): N.M.R. a VEN, a ROM, f TYH all hold.
 Russia N.M.R. f BAL, a STP, f BLA, a bud* all hold.
 Scandinavia (Mark Luedi): f NWY holds; a swe-FIN; f DEN s English f nth-hel.
 Spain (Steven Davies-Morris): a gas*bre; a por-SPA; f wes-TUN.
 Turkey Build a ank. a ANK s a smy-con; a SMY-con; f CON-bla; a sev-UKR.

Spanish a gas is annihilated; Russian a bud disbands.

Will Richard Carlson, 1105 John Daly, Inkster, MI 48141 please submit standby orders for Italy?

Deadline for Fall 02 orders is 10:30 p.m. EDT on Thursday, July 23, 1981. Press follows.

Spain to Italy - I got your message (finally) and am in complete agreement.

Your evaluation is correct and suggests that we can do some business.

Next time try a carrier pigeon instead of the US Mail.

Turkey to Russia - Hope you appreciated our move as an example of our sincere desire to work together. Much can be accomplished by a combination of Turkish and Russian forces in the Balkans. May the Crescent and Orthodox Cross work together!

Berlin to Constantinople and Sofia - Greetings.

??? to ??? - Watch your step; I know who you are.

Berlin to Madrid - I can guess what you're thinking.

Spain to Germany - Hello there old boy! You and I should have a long talk one of these years. If you'll be trusting and write me a letter, we might become good friends! Of course, it really depends on how much you like the French.

Austria to Russia - I'll be your friend if you take a bath and go home!

Berlin to Paris - I like your sincerity. However, I've decided I'd like Burgundy too.

Paris to Berlin - Don't know what you have in mind. Can we dance together? We would love to suggest the Vienna Waltz.

Austria to Balkans - It's nice to have a friend!

Austria to Turkey - Make me an offer I can't refuse.

Berlin to Moscow - Can I inquire about your floating scrap iron in the Baltic? It's playing havoc with the tourist trade. Or, are you interested in a trade?

Berlin to London and Copenhagen - Yes, let's worry about Germany.

Austria to Italy - How about a little "linkage"? If you say yes I'll remove my mask and talk.

Berlin to Rome - Let's keep our distance, shall we?

More 1979 HW Press (from previous page)

France to Germany - Would it do any good to talk this matter out? All I want are my home centers back. Is that too much to ask for?

Hazel Park to France - Apparently it is too much to ask; there's no harm in trying, though.

HOUSE RULES FOR POSTAL DIPLOMACY*

effective 1 October 1980

1. The 1971/72 edition of the Rules of Diplomacy* shall be in full force and effect where not in conflict with these rules.

1.1. To Enter Games or Stand By

2. Players may enter games of regular Diplomacy* by maintaining a subscription or trade arrangement and paying a \$2.00 gamefee. The Gamesmaster reserves the right to assign players to separate games for reasons of relationship or geography.

3. A standby list for Diplomacy* will be maintained. Any player regularly receiving JIHAD may ask to be placed on (or removed from) the list. Standtys will be called up to play in games in accordance with rules 11-14 below - no gamefee will be charged.

4. Seasons or Bi-year/Combination & Separation of Seasons

5. Four principal seasons are recognized in Jihad Diplomacy* games: Spring, Summer, Fall moves, and Winter adjustments. Retreats and Civil Disorder conflicts (termed "Summer") are due with Fall orders; retreats ordered in Fall ("Autumn") are due in Winter.

6. Winter 1981 is always a separate season. In subsequent years, the Winter adjustments will be combined with Spring moves. However, the players may request separation of these seasons - giving their reasons for the request and including orders in case the separation is denied. The Gamesmaster will approve or reject all such requests on a case-by-case basis. Note that the Gamesmaster may separate seasons on their own initiative as well.

7. Orders

8. Orders may be submitted in person or by telephone. Written orders must contain the game's boardman number or designator, the player's country, the current turn, and be dated AND SIGNED BY THE PLAYER. Printed orders cannot be honored.

9. Telex or orders are discouraged, but will be accepted at 313-5455-1000 between 8:00 and 10:30 p.m. Eastern time, or at 313-531-5700 between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. for games owned by the publisher only. At 313 will be their own policies.

10. The deadline for orders will be published with each game report. Orders are due by 10:30 p.m. Eastern time on deadline day.

11. Orders may be made conditional on retreats, adjustments, and/or the replacement of a player.

12. If a player fails to submit orders for a turn ("NkKc"), the rebellion provisions or Civil Disorder will be applied: all units held, dislodged units are annihilated, units not retreated are disbanded.

13. Replacement of Players

14. Whenever a player quits, a standby (if available) will be asked to submit orders for that country. If the regular player submits orders the next month, the standby will be returned to the list. Otherwise the standby order will be used and the standby will replace player or report for that country.

15. The Gamesmaster may call up a replacement directly when a player quits a region, or when a player quits for a third time and is banned.

16. All the up for standbys/replacements are at the Gamesmaster's discretion. Availability of standbys is not a consideration.

14. No player may play twice in the same game.

Concession & Draw Proposals

15. Beginning with the Spring 1985 turn, any player may propose A) a concession of victory to one player, or B) the declaration of a draw between any or all surviving players.

16. Concession proposals must be to the largest power on the board; said power must control 13 or more centers. Draw proposals must include countries controlling at least 25 centers between them.

17. All valid proposals (including any made by the Gamesmaster) will be put to player vote in the next season. Players should vote with their next orders.

18. A proposal must receive yes votes from all players to be passed. If a player NMRs, their vote is considered to be NO - if a player submits orders and fails to vote, their vote is considered to be YES.

19. All proposals and votes are confidential - only results will be published.

Press Guidelines

20. JIHAD encourages the submission of press by players. Press is only edited for space considerations. However, press containing excessively abusive, vulgar, or obscene language will not be printed.

21. Back press - or press datelined so as to appear to come from another player - is prohibited. Also, players may not dateline press from "GM", "Hazel Park", or the reserved dateline announced by the Gamesmaster for GM press.

Miscellaneous Rules

22. A player who is temporarily unable to play their position may, by notifying the GM and submitting current orders, appoint a player to stand in during the period of such inability. Such appointment is subject to house rule 14 above.

23. The Gamesmaster may declare a draw if the supply center counts for three consecutive years show no change, or if a verifiatic stalemate line is held for two consecutive move seasons.

24. Neither the Gamesmaster nor the publisher shall be responsible for failure of outside agencies to perform.

25. In the event of an American postal strike, all games shall be suspended until the strike ends; new deadlines shall then be set in the next issue of JIHAD. Foreign postal strikes shall entail similar action in all games containing affected players.

26. Players may be expelled from Diplomacy games in JIHAD for two grounds - failure to maintain a subscription or trade arrangement; or a deliberate attempt to deceive the Gamesmaster in any game in JIHAD.

27. These house rules are subject to change at any time; normally, at least one month's notice will be given of changes.

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Strategy and Tactics in Mercator III: Part I: The Army/Fleet Module

The Mercator series of Diplomacy variants, virtually unknown in U.S. Dip circles, is one of the most complicated set of such games ever designed. Devotees of Mercator also find the games to be among the most rewarding of all the Dip variants - while detractors are put off by the many unique rules, which demand close study if players are to do well.

This is the first of a group of two or three articles on elementary strategies and tactical options in Mercator III, which is the version of Mercator being played in the JIHAD subzine Pax. It's being written at the suggestion of my overseas Mercator players for two reasons: first, to even out the chances for the inexperienced USA players in the Pax game; and second, to try and encourage more players and GMs to give this design a try.

British variant designer Doug Wakefield designed the first Mercator game in 1974. His intent was to retain the fundamentals of regular Diplomacy while increasing several other factors: size (as in the very popular Youngstown variant), fluidity (the best example being Fred Davis' design Abstraction, acclaimed in a British Diplomacy publication as the one variant which may have improved upon the original), risk, and player interaction where the countries are widely separated on the game map.

The second of these four criteria - fluidity - led to the development of Davis' convoy rules into Mercator's single most distinctive hallmark: the army/fleet module.

The fundamental concepts of the A/F module are:

First, that conveying is accomplished by an army boarding an adjacent fleet at sea, being carried by the fleet across the sea(s), and finally landing at its destination while leaving the transporting fleet at sea.

Second, that the representation of all the above requires dividing the standard Diplomacy turn into four parts (TIME SCALES in Mercator parlance):

Time Scale 1 - Armies can board fleets at sea, or land from fleets at sea. (The fleet can support the landing now, support the army after it has landed (in TS2), or do something else.)

Time Scale 2 - Normal Diplomacy orders, including "fast ferry" convoys across a single space - which are handled as in standard Diplomacy, without boardings/landings unless the order fails - and transfers of a boarded army from fleet to adjacent fleet(s) in a convoy chain.

Time Scale 3 - Disembarkations of armies from A/Fs at sea after the normal move/stand/support orders. (A TS3 disembarkation may never be supported.)

Time Scale 4 - Retreats. (TS1 dislodged units have first choice of retreat spaces.)

Finally, an Army/Fleet combination can only exist at sea, or in a canal zone.

These unusual rules spawn unusual tactics for players to shaft each other with. A few examples are:

The Quickie Two-Space Convoy: (NOTE: All examples will be set on the regular Dippy map so everyone can follow the discussion.) France opens with F Mid and A Par-Bre in Spring '01. How does he get an army out to Tunis (?) in Fall? --- TS1-A Bre boards F Mid. TS2-A/F Mid-Wes. TS3-A Wes disembarks Tun!

Other supply centers that could have been reached by French A Bre in this position include Ipl, Lon, and Bel in addition to those reachable by standard orders.

Check out this Italian pseudo-Lepanto in 1901, too - Spring: A Rom-Apu, F Nap-Ion. Fall: TS1-A Apu boards F Ion. TS2-A/F Ion-Eas. TS3-A Eas disembarks Syr/Smy...

The Hostage Patrol: An army boards a fleet, and the A/F moves to a space off another player's coast without landing the army. This threatens an army landing without actually entering another's areas - but what makes the threat MUCH more dangerous than in regular Dip is our next tactic...

The Amphibious Assault: My favorite nasty tactic (and the subject of an intense dispute in a game I'm playing where A/F rules are similar but not identical). This is a TS1 tactic for dislodging an enemy unit on a coast - and the enemy CANNOT stop it. The army is ordered to land (Ex: A Wes lands Tunis) and the fleet is ordered to support the army TO (not IN) the area (Ex: F Wes S A Wes TO Tun). A support TO order is the ONLY support order valid in TS1, so any support that an enemy A Tun has is irrelevant; the army is dislodged, lifted from the board, and has no impact on play until the TS4 retreats.

What's the catch? The army newly landed has a strength of 1 during TS2, and can be dislodged in turn by a supported attack.

The Invasion: This is a variant of the amphibious assault, used when the space assaulted is unoccupied. Order the army to land in TS1 (Ex: A Wes lands Tun), and the fleet gives support IN (not TO) the space (Ex: F Wes S A Wes IN Tun). This is a TS2 support, and thus gives the newly landed army a strength of 2 against enemy counterattacks.

The "Missing Link" Convoy: You don't need to build up the full convoy chain any more. The last sea space need not be occupied, as a multi-fleet convoy still allows the last fleet in line to move with the army! Thus, given A Bre and Fs Mid, Wes, and Tyh, the following sequence lets the French move to Greece: TS1-A Bre B F Mid. TS2-F Mid C A Bre-F Tyh, F Wes C A Bre-F Tyh, A/F Tyh-Ion. TS3-A Ion D Gre.

The Lonely Orphan: An A/F on the high seas, even if no other friendly units are nearby, is one of the greatest potential dangers in Mercator. Even if there aren't any supply centers nearby, the threat can be awesome. The best example is the space North Atlantic Ocean on the Mercator map, which is adjacent to NO supply centers. However, an A/F in that innocent space threatens ELEVEN supply centers directly on the next move; maybe even more if an adjacent fleet is available for a convoy chain.

In summary, it needs only to be said that the Army/Fleet rules set and the Time Scale definitions are the most important rules in this game. They give the game its charm and some of its flavor, and an understanding of these rules is essential, or your best diplomatic efforts will go for naught.

1981 AQ (Mensa #14) THE (PRESS) WAR CONTINUES Winter, 1901
Fleet Builds Beg For Comment In West

Austria (Mark Larzelere; replaces Morris): Build a VIE; also has f ALB, a SER.
England (Pete Gaughan): Build f EDI; also has f NTH, f NWY, a YOR.
France (Mike Casucci): Build f BRE, a PAR, a MAR; also has a SPA, f POR, a MUN.
Germany (Errol Platt): Build a BER, f KIE; also has f DEN, a HOL, a BEL.
Italy (Peter Simpson): Build a VEN, f NAP; also has a TRI, a TYO, f GRE.
Russia (Michael Whitty): Build a MOS, a WAR; also has f SWE, f SEV, a RUM, a UKR.
Turkey (Paul Larsen): Build a CON; also has a ARM, a BUL, f BLA.

Deadline for Spring 1902 orders is 10:30 p.m. EDT on Saturday, July 25, 1981. Press follows.

Austria - Mercenaries for hire! Puppet available to highest bidder! Inquire within.
Petrograd to Hazel Park - Do you like to play Russia because Hazel Park is near Livonia?
Hazel Park to Petrograd - Russia's fine, I suppose, although it's the only country I've never started as in a postal regDip game. If you'd ever been to Livonia, though, you'd know that living nearby is NO benefit...
Stockholm - The Swedish people are very content under the protection of the Russian Empire.
Bucharest - The Rumanian people are very content under the protection of the Russian Empire.

Constantinople (TRP) - The Sultan today reported that the creation of a new Turkish fighting force will bring greater glory to the Ottoman Empire. When questioned about how the build would affect the price of tea in England, he responded that he hopes that tea becomes outrageously priced. In this way, he added, the British will be forced to make a coffee deal.

London (Royal Information Press) - The recent French decision to turn east and attack Munich has apparently angered many of the top British ministers. It was left to Downing Street Chief of Staff Patrick O'Malley to explain: "They're all in a good Irish huff o'er this, an' so they're in no condition to meet the press. After all, the Germans are scorchin' some o' the best alcohol grain in these latitudes!"

Berlin - It was announced today that the German army was commencing a 20 division callup to oust the French invaders from Munich. Calling for a liberation of the "best damn beer-halls in the world," the Italian foreign minister indicated support might be forthcoming.

Petrograd - Phone service was installed at the Summer Palace for the first time ever. Foreign heads of state can reach the Tsar in his working quarters at (713) 658-7986, and in his living quarters at (713) 467-0894.

Paris to Munich - Be brave, mon Marshal. The flour, marmalade, and Grand Marnier are on the way! Le Empereur.

Sunny Southern California to Humid Hazel Park - Just finished Heinlein's Number of the Beast; is that the John Carter you mentioned?

Humid Hazel Park to Heinlein Reader (such good taste!) - Not quite - Zebulon J. Carter of Number is a giant in-joke drawn from Edgar Rice Burroughs' Martian series. Read the Burroughs books (there are 11); besides being decent fast-paced adventure fantasy, your appreciation of Heinlein's little nuances in Number will increase manifold.

While you're at it, pick up Heinlein's Expanded Universe; it's an excellent (if eclectic) anthology of fiction and non-fiction including a mystery story (!) and a couple of excellent insights into the USSR. Well worth the \$8.95.

Tunis - The King of Tunis expressed surprise and gratitude that his nation remained neutral in 1901. All the same, he is keeping his bags packed. Nicholas, Tsar and Autocrat of All the Russias and Rumania and Sweden, to Their Royal Highnesses the Sultan, Kaisers Wilhelm and Franz-Josef, and Kings Umberto and Edward - This dangerous French republic has doubled in size! It threatens Europe with an epidemic of mob-ocracy! Just as in 1789, this republic could incite the masses to revolution. We must join together to eliminate this threat. WE MUST MAKE THE WORLD SAFE FOR AUTOCRACY! England should do away with Parliament, too.

Paris (PPI) - It was stated in today's edition of Le Quotidien Dindon that in response to the continued aggressive behavior of the leaders of the German nation, the Emperor, Michel Napoleon I, is increasing the size of the French armed forces. The Emperor pleaded with the German people to make their leaders see that the historical destiny of France and Germany is to live in peace.

Dearest Andrei - How is the Ukraine in Winter? I miss you very much. Moscow winters are cold as ever. Are you getting along well with General Sonobavitch? Will he let you come home for Christmas or New Year's? I hope I get to see you at least one time this winter. Your letter-writing needs some improvement. Your grammar is awkward. I'll be waiting for you when you do come home - with the lights on. All of my love, Tamara.

Rome to London - My dear Peter, I regret to inform you that Lila's infirmity was one slightly more intimate than mono. The cheery side is that the sulfur and mercury treatments seem to be working and I will soon resume the reins of power, as will 27 gentlemen and 3 ladies of our court resume their places in our social functions. Bruce's feet have cleared up nicely, and I think that I can promise that our 1902 Riunite Scatologica vintage will be pleasantly without the somewhat disconcerting aftertaste of Absorbine Jr. It will, however, be somewhat stronger in effect, as we are now using oil of wormwood as the final sterilizing rinse in our bottles. Should this cause mental weakness or insanity in any of our customers, please put them somewhere warm and they'll recover in 10 or 12 years. Love, 'Berto.

Ankara to Hazel Park - If the Turkish fleet cleans up the Russian mess in the Black Sea, can the name of the Black Sea be changed to the "Turkish Sea?"

Petrograd - Georgei Hottotrotsky, the new editor-in-chief of the Silly, Trite and Useless Disinformation Service (STUD Service), continued the Russian press services' denunciation of the press blackout in the German Empire. "Denial of freedom of the press is justification for overthrowing a government!" he declared. However, Hottotrotsky qualified his statement: "There is no comparison between the German press situation and that of Imperial Russia. In Russia, the press is free to print everything that the Tsar says we must print."

STUD Service - The Tsar was infuriated by a Turkish press release claiming that his leftover caviar was responsible for polluting the Black Sea. "For one thing, I have found something else to do with my leftover black caviar," fumed the Tsar. "To add insult to injury, they spelled my name wrong. T-S-A-R is Russian. C-Z-A-R is POLISH!" The Tsar has calmed down enough to send a team of diplomats to Constantinople to try to defuse the Black Sea pollution crisis. Instead of both sides dumping their excesses into the Black Sea, the Tsar proposes to dump - that is, trade - excess black caviar on the Turkish market in exchange for excess supplies of Turkish coffee, which has recently become the rage at the Winter Palace.

Munich to Paris - My Emperor! I would endure a thousand hardships, die a hundred deaths, but please do not subject me to eating another wurst! Marshal Dillon.

Paris to Berlin - My dear Willi, why must we be at odds? Let us act like friends. We serve no purpose with our bickering. Answer my letter.

Belgium - With the citizens still dancing in the street, the occupying German army today announced that June 1, 1902 would be "Bangers and Mash Day" in honour of their new allies. French underground forces antagonistic toward the regime of M. Casucci are readying for the liberation of Paris.

Ankara (TRP) - The Sultan today sent a direct communique to the Russians asking them again to keep back those illegal aliens or the Turkish army might be forced to stop the problem at the root.

Paris to Moscow - Mikhail, I am sorry to say I am unable to supply you with the equipment you desired at the proper place and time. May we help each other another way? I will write.

Petrograd to Budapest - The Tsar officially recognizes the new Austro-Hungarian government, and recommends that they make the fine city of Budapest the main capital of the Dual Monarchy.

Mars - Following testimony by Tylbrax Zyzkrag and other astronomers, the Martian Assembly voted overwhelmingly to finance a pre-emptive military expedition to the planet Htrae. The assembly concluded that the warlike Htraelings would someday pose a threat to Mars, and decided on a preventive invasion as the best solution to the problem. An attempt by pacifists to try diplomacy first was voted down quickly. Construction of the expeditionary fleet is expected to begin immediately.

Camp Ophenique, near Blackpool (R.I.P.) - Prime Minister Gaughan's mountain retreat here has been closed to reporters until the last pro-Austrian demonstrators have been cleared out. The PM expects to hold a press conference next fall.

STUD Service - The search for the source of mysterious press releases sent the Tsar on a wild goose chase around the capital today. The Tsar had been intrigued by press releases from Tampa, a place he could not identify with any of the Great Powers. He asked his geography office to locate Tampa for him, and they told him it was near St. Petersburg. Determined to find the source of this mysterious press, the Tsar rode around the Russian capital (now known as Petrograd) for hours in a vain search for the elusive Tampa. Exhausted by his fruitless search, the Tsar offered ten thousand tins of black caviar as a reward to anyone who would accurately identify the source of these Tampa press releases. The geographers who forgot to tell the Tsar that the St. Petersburg they meant was in Florida were fed to the fish which will produce the caviar.

Watch for the LEEDER POLL complete results here as soon as they're released...but I wonder just how much the Canadian postal strike will screw John up in getting the results...

Postal Kingmaker Parliament Module

This Module has been designed to answer the #1 problem area of pbm Kingmaker - how to run the Optional Parliament rules without risking an occasional six-month game turn (such as the one just ending in KM 8001 here). It makes virtually no alterations to the Kingmaker rules, yet it provides for a uniform Parliamentary length and adds a means by which a clear majority can speed up the execution of the Parliamentary will.

Other Kingmaker GMs are asked to send me their comments and/or try the module in their games. This module will be added to my Kingmaker houserules for all future games, and may be used for Parliament resolution in my current games upon approval of 80% of the players in that game.

Upon the valid call of a Parliament, either by an authorized player or a PARLIAMENT MUST BE SUMMONED card, the four segments of Parliament shall occur: Call Segment, Agenda Segment, Balloting Segment, and Results Segment.

Call Segment:

1. Publish the site, or call upon a player to name same.
2. Inform nobles where Writs have been served upon them.
3. Call for players to name which nobles will be attending the Parliament.

Agenda Segment:

1. Publish the site, if not already published.
2. Publish the list of nobles in attendance.
3. Inform players (secretly) of the number of votes they control in each House.
4. Inform all players publicly of the total vote in each house.
5. Call for all players to vote on Parliamentary support for one of two Kings, if applicable.
6. Publish the list of all cards drawn from the Chancery.
7. Call upon all eligible nominators to submit the four slates of nominees. Nominees should be listed in the order which the player would like to see the issues voted upon. (A player may be asked to submit more than one slate, per the Rulebook)

Balloting Segment:

1. Publish the result of Parliamentary support for one of two Kings, if appropriate. (Inform players whose vote counts have changed of those changes, privately.)
2. List the agenda of the Parliament issue-by-issue.
 - a. First, the disposition of one or both King's Pardon cards to Crown Deck or Chancery (if applicable).
 - b. Next, list the slate of the player who called Parliament, issue-by-issue in the order that the player listed them in his/her orders.
 - c. Finally, list the other slates in similar fashion - each slate in Rulebook order.
3. Call upon all players to vote upon the issues.
 - a. Each issue is independent of all others; you may vote YES to some and NO to others, even if the issues are on the same slate.
 - b. Your vote on an issue may be conditional on votes on earlier issues.
4. Call for players to specify if nobles will return from Parliament to home castles; and, if so, which castles.

Results Segment:

1. Publish results of all votes, in order. Obviously, once a card is awarded, later votes that would create a rules conflict are ignored.
2. Publish positions of all units; complete turn as applicable.
3. Call for ordinary movement orders - it's over!

(more next page)

Written Agreements are a tool for speeding the Parliamentary process and encouraging players to cut deals.

Written agreements will be honoured until the agenda is published for the Balloting Segment. Only two types of agreement are conclusive:

a. Agreements to grant awards unconditionally to nobles (need not involve all awards); must be signed by persons controlling a majority of each House between them, and at least one signator must have nominating authority.

b. Agreements to return awards unconditionally to Chancery (need not involve all awards); must be signed by persons controlling a majority of one House.

Written agreements may dispose of all or any part of the awards. Any awards so disposed of shall be deleted from the agenda for the upcoming Balloting Segment.

If two or more agreements conflict, each validly executed, the first to be received shall have precedence. In other words, don't sign if you're not certain you want to live with the results; your signature, once given, may prove impossible to retract or countermand.

Kingmaker 8002

Turn 4, Chance Phase
Parliament

Lords Percy, Audley, Stanley, Clifford and Pole have entered play; Lord Neville receives the Archbishopric of Canterbury.

The E.L.O. have called for Parliament to convene at Preston. Peers of the realm in attendance are Audley, Clifford, Cromwell, FitzAlan, Hastings, Holland, Neville, Percy, Pole, Roos, and Scrope. King Henry and George of Clarence are also present.

Your faction controls Commons votes and Lords votes.
There are 104 votes in the Commons and 47 votes in Lords.

Players will nominate slates as follows - Round 1, Wyatt; Round 2, Osborne; Round 3, Reynolds; Round 4, Reynolds. ALL FOUR SLATES should be submitted by next deadline of July 22, 1981.

The Booty List: Earl of Essex; Earl of Kent; Earl of Salisbury; Duke of Exeter; Marshal of England.

Also - ALL PLAYERS should read the Postal Kingmaker Parliament Module above, and vote upon its adoption for this game. Five votes in favor will adopt the Module - which I highly recommend - and abstentions/NMRs will be counted as YES votes. Votes are due by July 22 as well.

Error Correction: I missed a conditional order on the back of Holland's last turn asking for a Burgundian XBow card to be played from hand if it would make a siege of Plymouth possible. Therefore, Holland besieges Plymouth in the last turn - but Bad Weather Delays Attack (French Raid). The siege has no effect on this Parliament as a result.

Ye Merrie Press:

Mercia - Not again!

FitzAlan - Hi diddle de de! A roving life for me!

Neville to Hastings - Just in case you're interested, Hereford's wide-open.

Anything goes! But seriously, I would like to visit Harlech sometime.

How about it?

Neville to Stafford (and Grey) - Truth? What's truth? As Pilate said.

Sleepless Knights - If we play our cards right we can drag this Parliament out for about 6 months and drive Glenn crazy. Vote NO for any proposal to speed it up.

Hazel Park - Can't drive me crazy. I already are crazy (as you should know; you were at MichiCon, too...).

Douglas to England - A ship! A ship! My castle for a ship!

Neville to Holland - Go ahead, take my beloved Plymouth! But you better lock your gates at night!

1981 ??

Gamestart

JIHAD's sixth regular Diplomacy gamestart and sixteenth gamestart overall hereby commences with the following seven players:

- Austria: Rick Slaughter, Holiday Estates #3, Flora, IL 62839
- England: John Chisholm, 59 New Searles Rd, Nashua, NH 03062
- France: Pete Gaughan, 12024 Penford Dr, La Mirada, CA 90638 ✓
- Germany: Debbie Osborne, 7804 Penrod, Detroit, MI 48228
- Italy: Michael Maston, c/o IDS, PO Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102
- Russia: Greg Murray, 3425 Oakcreek Dr, Rocklin, CA 95677
- Turkey: Dan R. Wilson, B-2-3-11, 268955, Wynne Unit, Huntsville, TX 77340

Deadline for Spring 1901 orders is 10:30 p.m. EDT on Saturday, July 25, 1981. A single request from any player will cause the deadline to be extended to the end of August.

Good luck...

1980 KW

THE BEAR HAS A BITE!

Fall, 1903

Summer 1903...Italy retreats a tri-ven.

Austria (Civil Disorder): a vie*holds.

England (Tim Bates): N.M.R. f SKA, f nwy*, f EDI, a LON all hold.

France (Ned Nichols): f LYO holds; a por-WAL; f MID c a por-wal; f ENG c a por-wal; a BEL holds; a BUR s a bel.

Germany (Steve D'Alessandro; replaces Denfeld): a kie-DEN; f NTH holds; f HEL s f nth; a MUN holds; a HOL holds.

Italy (Deane Sperdakos): a VEN holds; a tyo-PIE; f tyh-WES; f ion-TYH; f eas-ION.

Russia (Steven Davies-Morris): a gal-VIE; a BUD s a gal-vie; a stp-NWY; a RUM s a bud; f SEV s a rum; f SWE s a stp-nwy; a FIN s f swe.

Turkey (Debbie Osborne): f ank-CON; f gre-AEG; a tri-VEN; a alb-TRI; a SER s a alb-tri; a bul-GRE.

Supply Center Chart

Austria ~~xxx~~ (0) OUT

England edi lon lpl ~~xxx~~ (3) even

France bre mar par spa bel por (6) even

Germany ber kie mun den hol (5) even

Italy nap rom ven ~~xxx~~ tun (4) remove 1

Russia mos stp war rum swe bud sev vie nwy (9) build 2

Turkey ank con smy bul gre ser tri (7) build 1

Austrian a vie, English f nwy both disband.

Ned Nichols has a COA in the usual place...page 2.

Will Ron Kelly, 6038 Richmond Hwy #314, Alexandria, VA 22303 please submit standby orders for England?

Deadline for Winter 1903/Spring 1904 orders is 10:30 p.m. EDT on Saturday, July 25, 1981. Press follows.

Hazel Park to Italy - It's on the way...I had to dig a bit to find one.

Berlin - The new German government of Prime Minister Karl Gustheim plans to honor all its old agreements. New ambassadors have already been sent out.

Constantinople - Today the Great Jihad was announced by a thoroughly exasperated Sultana. She has been quoted as saying "We shall never kowtow before a strange God. All attempts to convert us shall be resisted by force." The Sultana has returned the Italian ambassador to his embassy in Crete for greater safety - his.

Constantinople to Paris - Keep acoming!

Constantinople to Moscow - Time to go north.

Constantinople to London - Nothing personal.

The Song of the Night

Spring, 5001

Five Nations Enter The Unexplored Realms...Two Armies Annihilated by Ghosts;
Wizard Evayde Discovers Mountain Range; Non-Human Races Come to Light.

Spellcasting: A K-CHA-Amyr; W1-CHA-Troom.
D W1-AGE-on self.
E W1-AGE-on self; K-CHA-Dol Shaiac.

A "Fourdor" (Mark Larzelere): H1 andemon-LESMA (Scroll-OS); K+N amyr-ZAAR
(ghost army destroyed by King); W1 troom-REPHISLUP; F troom-YELLOW SEA;
a andemon*benden (ghost army annihilates moving unit).

B "Lower Inner Outer East Wogistan" (Dan Palter): N.M.R. K+N BANBECK;
H1+A ISTA; W1+F BYSSA.

C "Ducastrian" (David Anderson): W1+F isle of dusk-SEA OF FERTILITY;
H1+N cassan-SOUTHERN MARCHES (goblins dislodged/annihilated);
K esurian-SHALLOW STRAITS; A ESURIAN holds.

D "Befuddled Ones" (Mike Crane): F isle of dawn-BLUE SEA; N cath-COBLE
(giants dislodged/annihilated)(Sword); W1 isle of dawn-BITRA;
K+H1+A joaz-BITRA (trolls dislodged/annihilated)(Scroll-IMM).

E "Androlep" (Richard Carlson): W1 famira-ARJENOL MOUNTAINS (Castle);
A FAMIRA-kislovan (goblins, castle); K dol shaiac-DHASSA;
n dol shaiac*anthea (ghost army annihilates moving unit);
H1 dhassa-VORD; F dhassa-HAULK (Amulet).

F "Fem Mark" (Debbie Osborne): K eus-ESGAIR; N eus-MIRRIM (Scroll-VC);
W1 ened-SIWEL; F ENED-lendour (barbarians); H1+A esgair-SIWEL
(dwarves dislodged/annihilated)(Horn).

I will not call standbys in this game, due to the cost of the book
needed for play. Also, I will not place a position into CD, regardless of
number of NMRs, unless the player resigns or ceases to be a subscriber.

Deadline for Fall 5001 orders is 10:30 p.m. EDT on Thursday, July 23,
1981. Press follows.

Excuse me - one more piece to this adjudication...

NON-ALLIED CREATURES: Ghost Army Benden; Goblins Kislovan; Barbarians
Lendour; Ghost Army Anthea.

NOW the press follows.

Hazel Park - No, I didn't use my infamous death dice for this turn.

Fem Mark - The Feminist Herald announced the departure of the exploration
party. Both the Heroine Atlanta and the Sorceress Medea ventured out.
The Sorceress is said to be at odds with Queen Hippolyta and said
journey may be made in lieu of banishment from the royal presence. The
Queen, meanwhile, has moved from her Castle Greer and is seeking a
place for the Pleasure Dome. Volunteers for stud service are being
screened before acceptance.

Isle of Dawn - Work has begun on the new spell library here after the old
one was washed back away by the constant flooding that has plagued this
area recently. When asked for a comment, the chief thaumaturgist replied
"Gish Dom Dorok!", and promptly disappeared.

1980 KW Press (cont from previous page)

Constantinople to Rome - Go home or else!

Constantinople to Vienna - Goodbye!

Turkish Tribune (Naval dispatch #3) - In late-breaking news today, an
earthquake has destroyed the Caucasus Mountains. It is believed that
the Naval Gunnery Cadets of the Armenian annex may have triggered the
quake by their bombardment. The Annex has been closed and the Cadets,
having successfully completed their assignment, have been graduated.
They were transferred to Cyprus while awaiting assignment. Their main
fear is that they will be assigned to Admiral Manicotti, who is current-
ly sightseeing in Greece and is unavailable for comment.

Hazel Park Wire Services - The telex here at H.P.W.S. broke down this eve-
ning while receiving an army dispatch from Turkey. The dispatch will be
run as soon as we can pick it up by other means.

1981 Bpw02 (Machiavelli)

Fall, 1514

Looks Like The Hapsburgs Are Having It Tough...

Expenditures: None.

Austria (William Osmandson): A1 CARINTHIA a tyrolea; A2 AUSTRIA s tyrolea;
 A4(EP) NAPLES s salerno; A6 bari a aquila (retreats to OTRANTO);
 F2 gon a SALERNO; F3 WTS a pisa.

France (Larry Boudon): A3 TYROLEA s milan (no French advance to Milan);
 A4 TURIN s tyrolea; F1 wgol a SARDINIA; F2 savoy a GENOA.

Milan (Steve D'Alessandro): A1 CREMONA s milan; A2 MILAN a trent;
A3 COMO a milan; A4 fornova a PONTREMOLI.

Papacy (Clark Reynolds): A2 CAPUA s aquila; A5 salerno a BARI;
A6 LUCCA a pisa; F1 AQUILA s bari.

Venice (Mike Scott): A1 herzegovina a ANCONA; A2 slavonia a CROATIA;
 A3 brescia a TRENT; A4 VERONA s trent; F1 LA t a1; F2 UA s ancona.

Autonomous garrisons: Durazzo, Montferrat, Piombino, Ragusa, Sienna,
 Turin.

Spring 1515 Famine Phase (3) - no natural disaster (!)

Areas Controlled

Austria austr PALER MESSI naple carin saler ottran/tunis duraz hunga
 France AVIGN MARSE SALUZ prove/savoy genoa corsi swiss tyrol sardi
 Milan PAVIA cremo MODEN/mantu como parma pianc milan ferno pontr
 Papacy PERUG ROME BOLOG patri spoile urbin romag tivoli/pisa capua aquil
 flore lucca bari
 Venice PADUA TREV VENEZ istri berga bresc veron vican friul/carni ferra
 alban croat herze slavo ancon trent
 Neutral turin montf arezz piomb sienn ragus pisto dalma bosni
 (Home co. before slash, controlled areas follow. CAPS legal build sites.)

Income and Treasury Levels: Austria (7d)+20+6(var)=33d.France (3d)+21+7(var)=31d. Milan (2d)+17+3(var)=22d.Papacy (9d)+22+7(var)=38d. Venice (1d)+30+9(var)=40d.

Deadline for Spring 1515 orders is 10:30 p.m. EDT on Friday, June 24,
 1981. Press follows.

France to Venice - Your neutrality appears short-termed if I read your
 moves right. Or are you just sabre-rattling?

Milan - A systematic campaign is being waged against plague-carrying rats
 to prevent another summer outbreak.

Papacy to France - Thanks for the offer.

Milan to Venice - Any move to Mantua will cause trouble between us.

Venice - Hmm...it looked like 3 against 1 - and then would you guys come
 after me? Let's see what this move does to the game!

Milan to Papacy - Let's keep the peace.

A Mighty Fortress 80

DELAYED

1539

I was all set to go on this one, too - with an NMR - until I received
 the NMRing player's orders 5 days late...but 10 days after they were post-
 marked! It's only fair to allow the orders, so I have to readjudicate, which
 means I'm out of time for this issue. Sorry 'bout that.

A Mighty Fortress 81

DELAYED

1535

Thank Mother Nature and my absent mind for this one. Basically, I
 dumped a bunch of my files while I was outdoors, and a water puddle did
 wonders for my adjudication and one or two order sets. I should be able to
 puzzle things out (or I'll ask for resubmitted orders, if needed), but I
 can't do it this minute. What a month!!!

Sleep

DELAYED

June 30, 1981

'Nuff said.

1981 N"SRO" EXPLAINED!
See Press For DetailsFall, 1902

Summer 1902...Germany retreats a bur-ruh. France retreats a bel-pic.

Austria (Mark Luedi): a bud-RUM; a SER s a bud-rum; f GRE-bul; a tyo-MUN;
a BOH s a tyo-mun.England (Michael Crane): f NTH-eng; f ENG-mid; a HOL s German a bel;
f nwy*holds.France (Larry Peery): f SPA(sc)-mid; a POR-spa; a gas-MAR; a BUR-bel;
a PIC s a bur-bel; a par-BRE.Germany (Greg Stewart): f BAL s a den-swe; a den-SWE; a BEL holds;
a RUH-mun.Italy (David Anderson): a ven-TYO; a PIE s a ven-tyo; f tun-WES;
f tyh-ION.Russia (Tom Ewing): f swe-NWY; a STP s f swe-nwy; a UKR s a sev;
a SEV holds.Turkey (Mike Steagall): a rum*bul; a bla s a rum-bul (unit is F bla);
f con-AEG; a arm-SMY; f BLA (unordered) holds.

Supply Center Chart

Austria bud tri vie gre ser mun rum (7) build 2

England edi lon lpl hol (4) even

France bre mar par ~~xxx~~ por spa (5) remove 1Germany ber kie ~~xxx~~ den swe bel (5) build 1

Italy nap rom ven tun (4) even

Russia mos sev stp war nwy (5) build 1Turkey ank con smy ~~xxx~~ (3) remove 1

Neutral bul

Turkish a rum must retreat to gal or oth; English f nwy must retreat
to nwg, bar, ska, or oth.Deadline for Winter 1902/Spring 1903 orders is 10:30 p.m. EDT on
Saturday, July 25, 1981. Press follows.Copenhagen - After an attempted assassination upon the German governor, a
ragged pathetic figure of a man was immediately nabbed. He was unable
to be understood by German interrogators; however, his continual habit
of smiling was disconcerting. An appeal is sent to all: "Why is this
man smiling?"Bastogne - After a scuffle in the dark Hans Mueller, aide-de-camp to Field
Marshall Schlader, managed to overcome a nightstalking killer. Mueller
shot the killer in the face, then changed clothes with the corpse. Alas,
Mueller forgot to change dogtags and is now a fugitive. Word from Den-
mark is that the Copenhagen assassin is not Mueller. Mueller is armed
and dangerous.Peeris - Scores of sky-writing balloons appeared recently over Europe, re-
placing for the moment the now destroyed Putra-Shave billboards. The
balloons create vast new Putra-Shave ads in the traditional lime green,
hot pink and lavender colours of Frenciana. The balloons were an instant
hit (and a smash, too, in some cases) as they drifted over Europe extol-
ling the virtues of Putra-Shave. First glances - and that was usually
all one got - revealed some interesting new slogans:Over Soho: Get Higher!

Use Putra-Shave!

Over Solo: Take a Downer!

Use Putra-Shave!

Over Strassbourg: Sweeten Up a Sour Kraut,

Use Putra-Shave!

Over Vienna: Better An Austrian Tort
Than A French Tart!

Use Putra-Shave!

Over St. Petersburg: If Peter Was So Great!///this balloon was
shot down before its writing was finished. Rumor has it that a madman

from Short Dickey Hospital in Indiana was responsible.///
Norwegian Sea Command (GM note/old Eng press) - Fleet Admirals, pressed for a new mascot after the hamster died, came up with several candidates today, with the front-runners being a sloth, a cricket, and a mole. The winner will be picked at the annual Putra-Shave dance and orgy social next month.

Liebowitz - Young Luke Erlang announced today that his search for the meaning of his father's last word, "Redbud", continues. Erlang has ruled out that it refers to the red uniformed soldiers of Budapest. Luke says that he has been contacted by an individual who claims that he knows what it means. The individual refuses to meet in open places. Luke will arrange a meeting in secret shortly, and perhaps this mystery will end.

Istanbul - SRO? is a place that has more bud in than out.

Ankara to World - I will keep doing this until I get it right.

The Palace - The Elton John-Potty-Trained trial was postponed today, with the arrest of a new figure in the plot, Billie Jean King. This postponement also allowed investigators more time to look into Glenn Overby's past, in the related "missing press" case. Film at 11.

London - The social world is abuzz today over the exploits of Ozzie Overby, leader of Hazel Park cub scout pack 331 and brother of implicated American industrialist Glenn Overby II. Ozzie's only comment was "C'mon, they're only Brownies, you know."

Vienna to London - Have extra Bubble-Yum and Captain Marvel comics available to help you meet strike demands.

Vienna to Berlin - Seems I'm not the only one suffering from broken fingers around here!

Copernicus Crater, the Moon - Well-wishers well-wished the marriage of Sister Lurleen and Field Marshall Schlader from the Putra-Shave covered slopes of this lunar resort. Officials have invited the newlyweds to spend a second honeymoon in 1/6 gravity at the expense of the hosts. However, B.Y.O.C.B. (bring your own oxygen bottle). Expected guests for the couple's arrival include hometown heroes: cub scouts of pack 331, Marshall McLuhan, Timothy Leary, and Italian Zeneral El Zappo.

Vienna to Ankara - Yes, good bye!

Vienna to Rome - Can I have something in writing?

Hazel Park - There's still a backlog of press, but it's not as large as before (except for one player who instructed me to use what I pleased.) Sorry 'bout that.

Contest Corner (slightly displaced)

Mark Larzelere and Dan Wilson win last month's twin contest; but each was the only entry in their half! Can't win 'em all... Two issues each to Mark and Dan.

The Fake Contest has come and GONE...and NOBODY claims the prize. No further comment is necessary or desirable.

This month's contest is a simple one. Guess the total bill for printing this issue of JIHAD, plus the cost of 1,000 covers...naaaah, that isn't it. I'm just letting bills get to me, that's all.

Contest - tell me which of these five numbers doesn't belong, why, and what each number represents. Ready?

12189 --- 92024 --- 99684 --- 11358 --- 21207.

Two issues for the first completely correct answer.

Looking at Next Month

Watch out - remember the earlier deadlines, as I won't even be in town after the morning of the 28th. Be on time or early...

My World+Watch Dip article will be out next time, along with a second Mercator piece (I may use one that Tom Butcher just sent me instead of my own, though.) I'd imagine that the rest will be a bit scanty, though, as I will have to push just to finish before I leave. We'll see.

From Women Only

No. 3

Welcome to From Women Only #3! We'll start off this issue with (what else) the third and latest of our picture series on everybody's Hobby Queen, Black Jackie Masters. This (we understand) is to be his costume for the bathing suit competition. The nominations should be closed by now (July 1st), so watch for where and how to vote in FWO and JIHAD.

Michicon X has come and gone. It was certainly the most interesting con I've been to. Of course, I knew more people, and got to meet others of you for the first time while renewing old friendships. We had three auctions (which I help run) so I kept busy and out of trouble. Dave Carter (Sleepless Knights) and company bought dozens of games at auction, so the gaming in the Toronto area should be hot and heavy with lots of different games being played. For that matter, thanks to Tim and Marion Bates and their friends, gaming will pick up in the Trout Capital of the Universe too. Get well quick, Marion, so we can see you at WinterCon in November.

WinterCon X will be at Cobo Hall in downtown Detroit. We've outgrown our old place - we had 2,500 gamers at MichiCon, and that's a lot of gamers!

BLACK JACKIE MASTERS

OUR SHINING
STAR!



We bought lots of games - good, not so good, and a couple great. New games from a new company out of Chicago - Mayfair Games - head the list. I.C.B.M. got lots of play, it's not too bad for hexes. The Castle is sort of like DeathMaze on a board, with solo and multiplayer rules too. Really fun. We haven't gotten to Transylvania yet.

SPI's Dawn of the Dead - well, the humans haven't won yet. It gets lots of play at the Gaming Center even with non board game types. It may be the best game of this con.

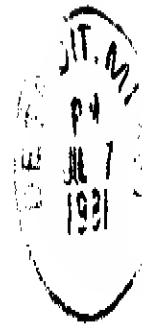
Then there's Dice In The Jungle from Yaquinto - oops, I mean Fall Of South VietNam. It's an area movement game and I can't win with either side (but Glenn can win with both. Oh well). I enjoyed it too, and it gets played. The packaging is innovative as well, and stores quite nicely (a change!).

At the auction I must have been crazy, I bought some of the silliest stuff. Power Broker - too big to store. Laser Attack - for half bright 3 year olds. Doctor, Doctor - for dumber 3 year olds and Dip Candy Land players. Maybe at the next con I'll do better - at least the neighborhood kids liked these.

We need ONE MORE for our Dip game to start. Maybe next month. By the way, Larry, I was excited by the night letter.

Pam left her part at work, so I guess she gets two parts next time. Have a great month, all of you--JERI

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